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E) T

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A) P

B) Q

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- C) R
- D) S
- E) T

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- A) P
- B) Q
- C) R
- D) S
- E) T

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- A) P
- B) Q
- C) R
- D) S
- E) T

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- B) Q

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**Question 11:** Which of the following statements represents the author's view regarding setting and pursuing of goals?

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- B) Don't compare yourself to others.
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- A) It can help us learn about our negative thought patterns.
- B) It can help us learn from our experiences and devise ways to get better.
- C) It can help us to not be critical of others if they fail at something.
- D) It can help us realise our full potential by being positive everyday.
- E) None of the above

**Question 13:** Why does the author believe that we should not compare ourselves with others?

- A) because we cannot control others
- B) because we cannot outperform everyone
- C) because we cannot compete with everyone



D) because we do not know what others are going through

E) None of the above

**Question 14:** Why is it important to set small achievable goal steps?

1. They will make one feel in control.
2. They are easy to monitor.
3. Attaining them gives a sense of purpose.

A) Only 1

B) Only 2 and 3

C) Only 1 and 2

D) Only 1 and 3

E) All 1, 2 and 3

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**Question 15:** Based on the information given in the passage, we can conclude all EXCEPT:

A) One should have more than one meaningful goal in life.

B) One should not pursue too many goals as we have limited resources.

C) One should focus on enjoying the last year of high school rather than thinking about life.

D) Both (a) and (b)

E) None of the above



**Question 16:** Which of the following is the opposite in meaning to the word '*limited*' as used in the passage?

- A) amplified
- B) ample
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- D) futile
- E) appropriate

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- E) No error

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**Question 21:** In the question below, a sentence is given with a part missing. From the options, choose the word that will fit in the sentence to make it correct.

He will be remembered as a gentleman of the game, a man who played to win but never stooped to \_\_\_\_\_ or dishonourable depths.

- A) free
- B) gruelling
- C) kind
- D) ignoble

E) unfortunate

**Question 22:** In the question below, a sentence is given with a part missing. From the options, choose the word that will fit in the sentence to make it correct.

One was never to wish luck to someone going hunting or fishing, as it was seen as a \_\_\_\_\_.

A) inertia

B) jargon

C) jinx

D) inkling

E) clue

**Question 23:** In the following question, a sentence is given with the phrase or idiom highlighted in bold. Identify the option that contains a word similar to the phrase contextually and can replace it. If all the options fit in the sentence grammatically and contextually, mark 'All' as the right answer.

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John **checked out** the rumour, and managed to prove that it was not true.

A) initiate

B) investigated

C) invited

D) accepted

E) All

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I expect John will **be along** soon so we should not wait at the entrance.

- A) anticipate
- B) arrive
- C) depart
- D) request
- E) All

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If this project goes well, it could really help me to **get ahead** at work.

- A) retrieve
- B) progress
- C) patient
- D) restrict
- E) All

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**Question 26:** In the question below, a sentence is given with four words highlighted in bold. One of these four words may either be wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. If all the words are correctly spelled and appropriate in the context of the sentence, mark (e) as your answer.

Sharat Khurana, the 46-year-old **former** CFO of InMobi and FreeCharge, has been **making** investments for about 18 years now, and **decayed** investing **directly** in equities around eight years ago.

- A) former
- B) making
- C) decayed
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At the top of a staircase **covered** in dirt and sequins, several dozen Indian artisans **huched** over yards of fabric, using **needles** to **embroider** garments for the world's most powerful fashion brands.

- A) covered
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As the coronavirus **continues** to **spread** across the globe, whether to travel, and where it's **safe** to go, has become increasingly **complicated**.

- A) continues
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International competition was initially \_\_\_\_\_ by a lack of funds and varying rules in different countries.

- A) invaded



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- E) restriction

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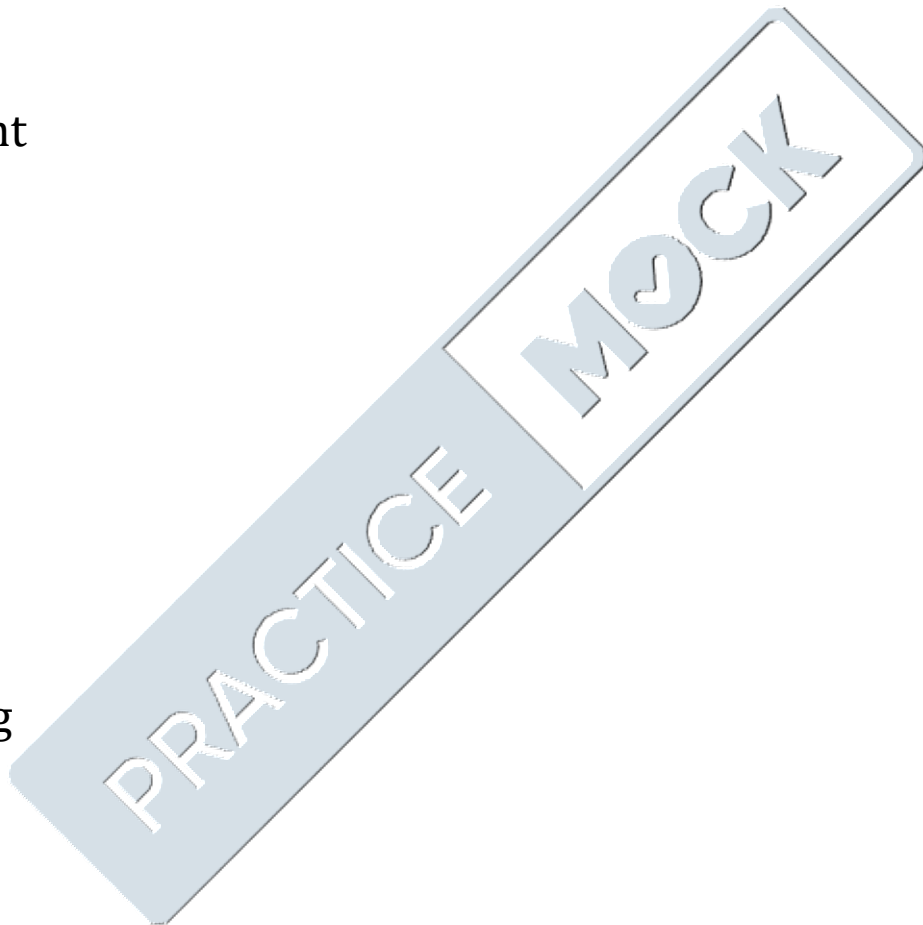
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**प्रश्न 4:**

A) Fully

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B) Q

C) R

D) S

E) T

**प्रश्न 7:** None

A) P

B) Q

C) R

D) S

E) T

**प्रश्न 8:** None

A) P



- B) Q
- C) R
- D) S
- E) T

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- A) Trump was acquitted

- B) largely along party lines
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- A) free
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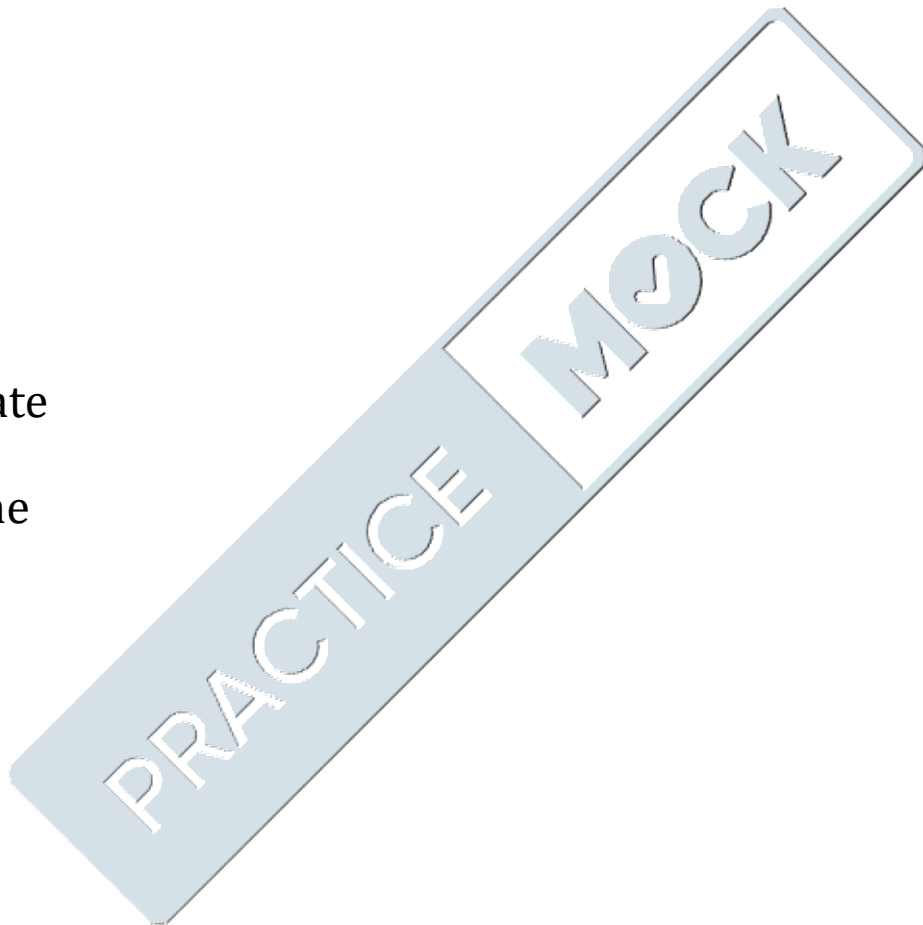
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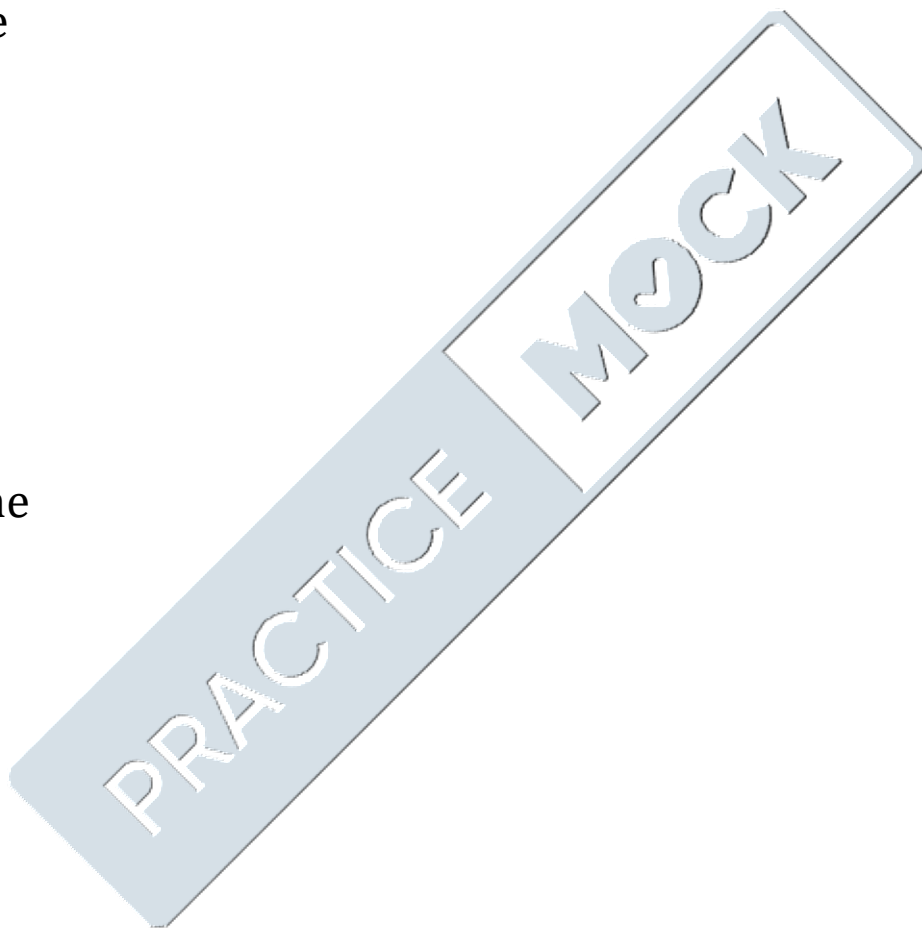
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- A) retrieve
- B) progress
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**प्रश्न 26:** None

- A) former
- B) making
- C) decayed



- D) directly
- E) All are correct

**प्रश्न 27:** None

- A) covered
- B) huched
- C) needles
- D) embroider
- E) All are correct

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**प्रश्न 28:** None

- A) continues
- B) spread
- C) safe
- D) complicated
- E) All are correct

**प्रश्न 29:** None

- A) invaded
- B) hampered
- C) pampered
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E) restriction

**प्रश्न 30:** None

A) controversial

B) converse

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**ANSWER KEYS and SOLUTIONS:**

1) - C)	2) - B)	3) - E)	4) - A)	5) - B)	6) - C)
7) - A)	8) - E)	9) - D)	10) - B)	11) - E)	12) - B)
13) - A)	14) - E)	15) - C)	16) - B)	17) - A)	18) - D)
19) - B)	20) - E)	21) - D)	22) - C)	23) - B)	24) - B)
25) - B)	26) - C)	27) - B)	28) - E)	29) - B)	30) - A)

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**Solution 1: C)**

We need a verb (in the blank) to link the subject of the sentence (Ethiopia's decision) with the object (peace agreement). The verb has to be in the base form as in the infinitive construct (To+Verb) takes verb in the base form. Only options 1, 2 and 3 satisfy this requirement.

'Agree' is followed by a preposition (For example, to, with, etc). Out of the remaining two options, only 'Implement' (option c) fits the context as a peace agreement is *implemented* and not *decided*.

Thus, (c) is the correct answer.

**Solution 2: B)**



The missing word in B connects two contrasting thoughts- the peace agreement has brought hope and problems loom ahead. 'Along' has to be followed by the preposition *with*. 'Regarding' and 'Rectify' do not make sense contextually. 'And' is used to provide additional information or to add to the given information. Therefore, 'despite' is the correct word as it fulfils all the requirements.

Thus, (b) is the correct answer.

### **Solution 3: E)**

The missing word is a noun that denotes the two parties involved in the agreement, i.e. a single word that can be used as a representative of the parties. Therefore, it can be 'countries', 'nations', 'neighbours', etc.

Thus, the correct answer is (e).

### **Solution 4: A)**

The missing word has to be an adverb that modifies the verb 'implemented'. Only options (a), (d) and (e) satisfy this requirement. Out of these three options, only 'fully' is appropriate in the current context (as agreement can never be *gently* or *very* implemented).

Thus, (a) is the correct answer.

### **Solution 5: B)**

The missing word is an adjective that describes the conditions of the two neighbours. Only options (a) and (b) satisfy this requirement. Out of the two, 'deadlocked' is correct in the current context as it appropriately describes the situation of the two neighbours (it's not mentioned anywhere in the paragraph that both neighbours want a war).

Thus, the correct answer is (b).

**Solution 6: C)**

The final arrangement is 'RTSPQ'. 'T' and 'S' starts with the pronoun 'they' and 'P' and 'Q' contain the pronoun 'they'. Prior to the usage of a pronoun, there should be a sentence which should contain the antecedent for the pronoun. So, it is likely that 'T', 'S', 'P' and 'Q' won't start the paragraph.

The leftover 'R', which introduces the subject of the paragraph which is about the venture of Shilpi and Satya in the field of tailoring traditional beautiful fabrics into cute and fashionable outfits, should be the first sentence. 'T' and 'S' are the sentences which provide build up to what Shilpi and Satya decided as mentioned in 'R'. 'T' informs that they identified some women who were running home based tailoring units while 'S' informs that they realised that these women have entrepreneurial aspirations. Because 'T' introduces the existence of women who were running home based tailoring units, 'T' should precede 'S'. So, 'T' should be the second sentence and 'S' should be the third sentence. 'P' informs what Shilpi and Satya decided. So, 'P' should be the fourth sentence. 'Q' informs about the effect of the decision taken by Shilpi and Satya. So, 'Q' should be the fifth sentence. So, the final arrangement is 'RTSPQ'. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

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**Solution 7: A)**

The final arrangement is 'RTSPQ'. 'T' and 'S' starts with the pronoun 'they' and 'P' and 'Q' contain the pronoun 'they'. Prior to the usage of a pronoun, there should be a sentence which should contain the antecedent for the pronoun. So, it is likely that 'T', 'S', 'P' and 'Q' won't start the paragraph.

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### **Solution 8: E)**

The final arrangement is 'RTSPQ'. 'T' and 'S' starts with the pronoun 'they' and 'P' and 'Q' contain the pronoun 'they'. Prior to the usage of a pronoun, there should be a sentence which should contain the antecedent for the pronoun. So, it is likely that 'T', 'S', 'P' and 'Q' won't start the paragraph.

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### **Solution 9: D)**

The final arrangement is 'RTSPQ'. 'T' and 'S' starts with the pronoun 'they' and 'P' and 'Q' contain the pronoun 'they'. Prior to the usage of a pronoun, there should be a sentence which should contain the antecedent for the pronoun. So, it is likely that 'T', 'S', 'P' and 'Q' won't start the paragraph.

The leftover 'R', which introduces the subject of the paragraph which is about the venture of Shilpi and Satya in the field of tailoring traditional beautiful fabrics into cute and fashionable outfits, should be the first sentence. 'T' and 'S' are the sentences which provide build up to what Shilpi and Satya decided as mentioned in 'R'. 'T' informs that they identified some women who were running home based tailoring units while 'S' informs that they realised that these women have entrepreneurial aspirations. Because 'T' introduces the existence of women who were running home based tailoring units, 'T' should precede 'S'. So, 'T' should be the second sentence and 'S' should be the third sentence. 'P' informs what Shilpi and Satya decided. So, 'P' should be the fourth sentence. 'Q' informs about the effect of the decision taken by Shilpi and Satya. So, 'Q' should be the fifth sentence. So, the final arrangement is 'RTSPQ'. Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

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### **Solution 10: B)**

The final arrangement is 'RTSPQ'. 'T' and 'S' starts with the pronoun 'they' and 'P' and 'Q' contain the pronoun 'they'. Prior to the usage of a pronoun, there should be a sentence which should contain the antecedent for the pronoun. So, it is likely that 'T', 'S', 'P' and 'Q' won't start the paragraph.

The leftover 'R', which introduces the subject of the paragraph which is about the venture of Shilpi and Satya in the field of tailoring traditional beautiful fabrics into cute and fashionable outfits, should be the first sentence. 'T' and 'S' are the sentences which provide build up to what Shilpi and Satya decided as mentioned in 'R'. 'T' informs that they identified some women who were running home based tailoring units while 'S' informs that they realised that these women have entrepreneurial aspirations. Because 'T' introduces the existence of women who were running home based tailoring units, 'T' should precede 'S'. So, 'T' should be the second sentence and 'S' should be the third sentence. 'P' informs what Shilpi and Satya decided. So, 'P' should be the fourth sentence. 'Q' informs about the effect of the decision taken by Shilpi and Satya. So, 'Q' should be the fifth sentence. So, the final arrangement is 'RTSPQ'. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

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#### **Solution 11: E)**

(e) is the right answer. In the passage, the author has discussed how to set up a goal and pursue it. All the options have been mentioned in the passage.

(a) is correct. Refer to the lines: *The way we think about our progress can be the difference between whether we feel good or anxious.*

(b) is correct. Refer to the lines: *It's better to run your own race and pursue goals that are meaningful to you rather than external goals such as those motivated by competition with others.*

(c) is correct. Refer to the lines: *Setting small achievable goal steps or plans will help you reach your bigger goal and feel in control.*

(d) is correct. Refer to the lines: *Having a few meaningful goals in different life domains (such as education, relationships and health) provides a protective barrier in case you don't make one goal.*



**Solution 12: B)**

(b) is the right answer. Refer to the lines: *One way is to be reflective rather than judgemental. You can constructively reflect that "I didn't get the grade I wanted in the first biology test this year" or "I didn't make the progress I wanted". Reflection gives you an opportunity to learn from your experience and identify strategies to improve.* As per the passage, being reflective will help us learn from our experiences and figure out ways that can help us to improve ourselves. The other options are incorrect as per the information given in the passage.

**Solution 13: A)**

(a) is the right answer. Refer to the lines: *Goals like "to be top of my class" depend in part on how well or poorly other students do, which is outside of your control. It's better to run your own race and pursue goals that are meaningful to you rather than external goals such as those motivated by competition with others.* The passage explicitly states that we should not compare ourselves with others because we have no control on what others do. The other options have not been stated in the passage.

**Solution 14: E)**

(e) is the right answer. All the three options are correct. Refer to the lines: *Setting small achievable goal steps or plans will help you reach your bigger goal and feel in control. For instance, if your goal is to improve your maths results, you can make smaller steps like setting aside three hours each week to study maths. Small steps are easy to monitor. Being able to hit your smaller goal of studying for three hours every week will help you maintain a sense of achievement.*

**[Signup for a FREE Mock Test](#)****Solution 15: C)**

(c) is the right answer. Refer to the lines: *Be kind to yourself and take time out to do things you enjoy. It'll help you keep perspective and a balance in life.* The passage does not tell us that we have to focus on enjoying and not on figuring out what we will do in our lives. All the other options can be concluded from the last paragraph of the passage.

### **Solution 16: B)**

(b) is the right answer. LIMITED means restricted in size, amount, or extent; few, small, or short. AMPLE is the antonym. AMPLIFIED-magnified; INEPT-unskilled; FUTILE-useless; APPROPRIATE-useful.

### **Solution 17: A)**

There is an error in the part (a) of the sentence. The correct construction for the passive voice is 'Subject + Verb in third form'. We need to replace 'acquiting' with 'acquitted'. Hence, (a) is the correct answer.

### **Solution 18: D)**

There is an error in the part (d) of the sentence. As per the context of the sentence, to-infinitive should follow the noun-phrase 'network's efforts'. We need to replace 'efforts cut' with 'efforts to cut'.

Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

### **Solution 19: B)**

There is an error in the part (b) of the sentence. The usage of the preposition 'for' is incorrect as per the context of the sentence. The correct preposition to use is 'by'. Please note that the voice of the principal clause is passive and 'by' is used to denote the agent making the subject of a passive voice sentence to suffer something. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.



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### **Solution 20: E)**

The given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, (e) is the correct answer.

### **Solution 21: D)**

Ignoble (adjective)- Not honourable in character or purpose.

The blank should be filled by an adjective. The hint for the blank can be derived from the word 'dishonourable'. The word filling the blank should complement the word 'dishonourable' because the blank is connected with the latter through 'or'.

Among the given options, 'ignoble' provides the correct context to the blank.

Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

Gruelling (adjective)- tiring, exhausting;

### **Solution 22: C)**

The blank should be filled by a noun because it is preceded by an article 'a'. The sentence seems to be talking about superstition. Wishing luck to someone going hunting or fishing should be something which brings bad luck.

Jinx (noun)- A person or thing that brings bad luck.

Among the given options, 'jinx' provides the correct context to the blank.

Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

Inkling (noun)- clue, hint;

Inertia (noun)- A tendency to do nothing or to remain unchanged;

Jargon (noun)- language difficult to understand;

### **Solution 23: B)**

(b) is the right answer. The phrase TO CHECK SOMETHING OUT means to investigate. The sentence seeks to convey that John investigated the rumor and was able to prove that it was not true. INITIATE means to start; INVITE means to call someone to an event; ACCEPTED means to believe or come to recognize (a proposition) as valid or correct.

### **Solution 24: B)**

(b) is the right answer. The phrase BE ALONG means to arrive. The sentence seeks to convey that the subject believes that John will soon arrive at the event so the group should not wait at the entrance.

ANTICIPATE means to expect; DEPART means to leave a place; REQUEST means to ask for something(help).

### **Solution 25: B)**

(b) is the right answer. We need a verb in its base form to replace the phrasal verb. The phrasal verb GET AHEAD means to progress. The sentence seeks to convey that the success of the person depends on the project. RETRIEVE means to get or bring (something) back from somewhere. PATIENT is used to describe someone who is able to accept or tolerate delays. RESTRICT means to keep something under control.

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### **Solution 26: C)**

The usage of the word 'decayed' is inappropriate. The context suggests that Sharat Khurana, the 46-year-old former CFO of InMobi and FreeCharge, has been making investments for about 18 years. We will need to replace 'decayed' by 'began'.

Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

### **Solution 27: B)**

The spelling of the word 'huched' is inappropriate. The correct spelling is 'hunched' (Raise (one's shoulders) and bend the top of one's body forward.)

Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

### **Solution 28: E)**

The given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. All the highlighted words are correct and appropriate.

Hence, (e) is the correct answer.

### **Solution 29: B)**

We need a verb in the past participle form to fit in the passive voice construction WAS + VERB. The sentence tells us how international competition was limited due to a lack of funds and varying rules. HAMPERED will fit here, making (b) the right answer.

Invaded - entered without permission. Pampered - indulged with every attention, comfort, and kindness; spoiled. INHIBIT is a base form verb. RESTRICTION is a noun.

### **Solution 30: A)**

We need an adjective here to modify the gerund MAKING, and to be modified by the adverb HIGHLY. The sentence tells us how making a

comedy about Hitler was considered to be contentious.  
CONTROVERSIAL can fit here, which makes (a) the right answer.

Converse - opposite. Conservational - defined by the act of preserving.  
Conversational - defined by the act of interaction. Contravening -  
conflicting.

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